

es the plain gospel of Jesus Christ which always wins.

Brother Yoder recently attended the Y. M. C. A. Students' conference held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He writes that it was a wonderful meeting. He expects to attend the C. E. convention at Detroit, beginning July 5. Last week Brother Yoder took his A. B. degree in the Chicago University. He has the honor of being "class orator" for the class of '99. We congratulate our brother on the record he has made in that wonderful university.

Brother J. D. McFaden is doing church work in a systematic way. We have a neat card from him, on one side of which is his picture and also the words in large letters arranged above each other: Jesus, salvation, happiness. On the other side are these words: Dear friend, I take this method of extending you a special invitation to attend our church services. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps. 122: 1. We will try and make you glad if you give us your presence. Our Sunday school and Christian Endeavor will have room and a welcome for you. We preach Jesus, salvation and happiness. Paul was right. Hebrew 10: 25.

National Conference Program

We regret that we can not give to the brotherhood in this issue the program for the coming National Conference at Winona Lake the latter part of August. As stated last week the program is being sent to the several members of the Executive Committee for approval, correction or criticism. We had hoped it would return to us in time for this number of the paper, and to this end held the forms one day, but it has not yet made its appearance. We therefore close the forms, go to press, and patiently wait its coming. National Conference should now be the theme of daily conversation among our people until the time of meeting.

The Work Goes On

Judging from the reports that come to this office it is evident that very few, if any, of our ministers have left their churches during these hot summer months and gone to the mountains or seashore. So far there has been no dearth in church news as is usually the case at this season of the year. Accessions to the church are almost as frequent now as they were during the winter months. Almost 100 conversions are reported in this week's EVANGELIST. We are pleased to note this continued activity on the part of our ministers. Time is too short, the work is too great, too many souls to save, and Satan is too busy, to justify a relaxation of our efforts, even tho the weather is somewhat oppressive and has a tendency to decrease attendance at the sanctuary. Faithfully present Jesus and his gospel to the people, and whether cold or hot, winter or summer, the Lord will bless the effort to his own glory and honor.

Brief Notes

Punctuality in prayer may prove an antidote to care.

When Good Heart and Good Life dissolved partnership, both of them failed in business.

Believe thoroughly, feel deeply, work mightily; These three constitute the trinity of a successful life.

"Charity believeth all things," which is evidence that there are a good many things to which Charity steadfastly refuses to listen at all. In some situations deaf ears is one of the cardinal virtues.

Two distinguished men of letters in Paris, France, have fought a duel over a difference of opinion as to whether Hamlet was lean or fat. And yet some people affect to put culture on a par with religion, or even above religion, as an agent of civilization.

The opinion is actually advanced in some quarters

that preachers might better go back to the work of saving souls, and let criticism and debate alone.

A man may have a fine talent for making sentimental speeches and yet be destitute of true charity. Both tin and brass have a shiny surface and remarkable sounding qualities.

A very wealthy woman in New York is said to spend quite a hundred thousand dollars a year on trifles and knickknacks. On the one hand that money represents just so much hard labor to make it, and on the other just so much means of doing good wasted. Between this upper and nether millstone is the soul of that woman.

Edison the great inventor says that within two years the automobile, or horseless carriage, will retire 90 per cent. of the horses. Is it to be the millennium of the faithful horse? Poor fellow, he has borne his full share of the burden and hardship of the world, and no one will begrudge him the relief and rest which latter day science is bringing him.

An official statement shows the cost of the Spanish war up to date at \$230,000,000. Now it is a futile calculation concerning the good which could have been accomplished with this enormous sum, had it been applied to the enterprises of civilization. It would of course never have been so applied. The people would never allow themselves to be taxed for education, or missions or any other benevolent enterprise; but for war they willingly allow themselves to be taxed. Long way yet to the ideal age.

The Christian Science doctors collect their fees in advance as a test of the faith of the patient. It furnishes a better test of the thriftiness of the so called doctor, and a still better test of the idiocy of the deluded patient. Barnum said that the American people liked to be humbugged, but some of them are apparently not satisfied unless it is spread on tremendously thick.

A certain woman in the east sues for divorce from her husband on the ground that he is a cigarette fiend, having lost all power of will to desist from the habit. When we think of the number of men who are tobacco steeped and tobacco fumed, one wonders that more women are not suing for divorce. It gives us a vivid proof of the marvelous endurance and patience of the feminine character.

The mistake of a drug clerk in mixing wrong ingredients in a prescription results in the death of the victim. There is much the same sort of bungling in theology, mixing error with truth, concocting creeds, fixing up doses of Calvinism, Armenianism, Methodism, Baptistism, and a hundred other isms of ingenious invention. Fortunately for the moral and spiritual health of mankind, the Holy Spirit is in the world to vitalize what of truth may be spoken, and counteract the error, else who could be saved.

A reformed and converted drunkard in Chattanooga, Tenn., died in great agony, refusing to take his doctor's prescription of whisky, altho it might have saved his life. He had resolved never to touch the drink as long as he lived, and true to his word, he surrendered his life rather than fall again under the power of the curse. A moral hero at the last, what power was it that accomplished so mighty a transformation? What else but the spirit of God could so lift a man from such depths to such heights?

The skeleton of a primeval giant nine feet high was dug up not long since in Indiana. "There were giants in those days." But they were physical giants, men of big bone and brawn, mighty hunters and terrible warriors, bloody and cruel. Are not the moral, intellectual and spiritual giants of our Christian civilization far preferable to these savage Anaks? See what an Edison, a Moody, a Drummond, a Spurgeon accomplishes in the world and for the world.

Another famine is reported in Russia, involving five millions of unfortunate peasants, who are said to be starving to death. These Russian famines are inseparable from the system of government which oppresses that country. Boundless extravagance of the

aristocracy, the court, the army, consumes everything the poor peasant makes, confiscates his furniture, the cattle and horses and farming implements, and he is left to shift as he may. Who can measure the iniquity of such a system?

The war in the Philippines seems to be getting back to the neighborhood of Manila. Our army has whipped the natives dozens of times, but they won't stay whipped. Perhaps they don't know when they are whipped. They are an ignorant lot, and unused to the ideas of civilized warfare. According to all international usages they should have surrendered long ago. Think of it, they are costing us a quarter million dollars a day. It is too bad.

It is reported that the German Emperor is opposed to international arbitration on the ground that it contravenes his divine prerogative. He wants to be free to make war when he pleases. Since he is the special representative of the Lord in the midst of Europe, his divine right to lead his armies to battle must not be abridged. Close friend of that murderer, the Sultan, connivant of Armenian massacre, we may see without effort why he has so slender a conscience for the world's peace.

A party of scientists traveling in Russo China were mistaken for spies by the ignorant Russian soldiery, and shot without trial. The outrage has stirred up the nations to whom the savants belonged, and reparation has been demanded. Nothing will come of it, however, but a few diplomatic exchanges, and perhaps the payment of a money indemnity. It is merely one of those atrocities of militaryism, to which nothing is sacred, since neither learning, nor genius, nor life is accounted to be of any value.

A large meteorite plunged into the sea, in Japanese waters, not more than a hundred yards from an American steamer. The ship people were frightened at the sudden peril, the narrow escape; but after all, their situation was not peculiar nor isolated in a world like this. Sudden destruction appears to be one of those universal possibilities from which there is no immunity. In one of a thousand ways instant death may surprise us. Witness the terrible cyclone in the west. "Be ye also ready" is the exhortation of Wisdom.

A small war cloud seems to be gathering in South Africa, where much friction exists between the Transvaal republic and the English government. It will however probably be patched up, since it is known that Queen Victoria desires peace for the remainder of her reign. Nations do not go lightly to war any more, so expensive and destructive has it become.

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